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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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FOR FURTHER ACTION
See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Cont. No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Cont. No. II Priority
- ☐ Cont. No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Cont. No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Cont. No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Cont. No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Cont. No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Cont. No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Continuation No. I

Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed.

Continuation No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims ----	YES
	Claims 1-24	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims ----	YES
	Claims 1-24	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-24	YES
	Claims ----	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

The cited documents are:

D1: WO 1999/048318 A

D2: EP 1 343 345 A2

Document D1 provides a method, mobile station and radio communications system for controlling security-related functions for call handling. Based on the known method and radio communications system for controlling the security-related functions for call handling with subscriber authentication and secrecy of the information, a ciphering request having an identifier (cimode) is received and evaluated by the mobile station (MS) in order to determine whether the communications network wishes to have connections on the air interface (AIF) with ciphered information or with unciphered information. In this case, the mobile station (MS) can be switched under subscriber control to an operating mode in which the connection (for example v1) is terminated if the received identifier (cimode) allows connections with unciphered information. If the radio subscriber does not wish unciphered connections to be intercepted, it is possible to ensure that the information is transmitted, if required, such that it is proof against interception, under subscriber control.

Document D2 provides a mobile authentication system with reduced authentication delay. To minimize delay in re-authenticating with the network through a new base station, an additional form authenticated access mode called "credential authenticated" access is provided. The mobile unit is fully authenticated in the first base station (e.g., the user has logged in and paid

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for service). Thereafter, the first base unit transmits a "credential" to the mobile node that may be used by other base stations to establish trust with the mobile node prior to full re-authentication. Upon entering the operational zone of the second base station, the mobile node can transmit the credential to the second base station, which may accept the credential and allow access by the mobile node to the network through the second base station before full authentication has completed.

The present application provides a method for requesting authentication from a base station in a wireless portable network system, comprising transmitting a basic capability negotiation message from a subscriber station to a base station, receiving a reply message, establish an authentication mode and requesting authentication on the subscriber mode. The base station may be connected to an authentication, authorization and accounting (AAA) server.

However, any of the cited documents, D1 or D2, provides the same features as the present application, i.e. a method for authenticating a subscriber station in a wireless portable Internet system and configuring a protocol thereof.

Accordingly, all claims 1 to 24 are not new and do not include an inventive step.

Industrial applicability is given.